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**RE: Docket No. AB-33(Sub-No.219X), Union Pacific Railroad Company
- Abandonment Exemption - In Douglas and Champaign Counties, Illinois
from M.P. 164.87 to M.P. 155.0 (Westville Industrial Lead)**

Dear Sirs:

This is notice that Union Pacific Railroad Company intends to abandon the Westville Industrial Lead from M. P. 164.87 at Villa Grove to the end of the track at M. P. 155.0 near Broadlands, a distance of 9.87 miles in Douglas and Champaign Counties, Illinois, (the "Line"). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 61816 and 61956. The proceeding will be docketed as No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 219X).

The "no business" exemption procedure will be used to abandon the Line, pursuant to the abandonment regulations of the Surface Transportation Board at 49 C.F.R. Section 1152.50. No local traffic has moved over the Line in at least two years and there is no overhead traffic on the rail Line. A Notice of Exemption will be filed with the Surface Transportation Board on or after March 22, 2005.

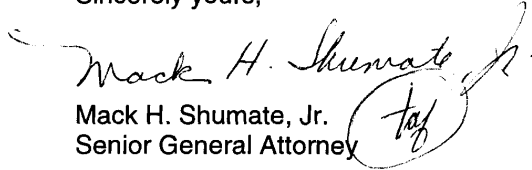
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Based on information in our possession, the Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the Railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

A map showing the Line to be abandoned is attached, for your information.

Sincerely yours,


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Enclosures